

Charles Saunders House
1627 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge
Middlesex County
Massachusetts

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN OR VICINITY Cambridge
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Charles Saunders House		HABS NO. MA-870
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1627 Massachusetts Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1862	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A fine example of the blending of Italianate and Second Empire elements, a combination which was widely used in Cambridge during the mid 19th century.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italianate and Second Empire		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame, sheathed in clapboards		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Square (40' x 40') plus ell; 2 stories plus mansard story; 3-bay front; mansard roof.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE North front: 1-story, 3-bay entrance porch with bracketed balustrade; bracketed oriel on 2nd floor; cross mansard. South side: bracketed bay window. In general: wide, bracketed eaves; elaborate cast-iron fence.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Center hall plan; stairway with 8-sided newel; plaster cornices and ceiling medallions; marble fireplaces.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Scribner Historic Buildings Series. <u>Historic Buildings of Massachusetts</u> . 1976.		
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